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## USAID SUPPORT:TARIJA

Through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Government has a comprehensive assistance program that supports the Bolivian Government's National Development Plan.



*USAID supports PROSALUD clinics in Tarija and throughout Bolivia.*

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Through its official foreign assistance agency, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Government supports development in several municipalities in the department of Tarija. Projects seek to reduce poverty through economic growth generated by enterprise development and increased productivity; and improve access to health care for the poor. USAID programs create opportunities for marginalized populations while promoting their social and economic inclusion.

### ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL FARMERS

In collaboration with civil society organizations such as the Valleys Foundation (Fundación Valles), producers' associations and local governments, USAID works to improve production and market access for rural farmers. This program is part of an initiative in the Bolivian Valley region that supports close to 10,000 family producers of berries, table grapes, onions, flowers, vegetables, peaches and oregano currently sold in national and international markets. With the incorporation of new technologies, organic certification, and better quality and efficiency in production, Tarija farmers and their families today have access to new opportunities for growth. In conjunction with these activities, companies in Tarija are receiving support that helps them link these farmers' production to new markets, thereby increasing sales and income for these small producers.

USAID has also supported the development of financial services, particularly within credit unions covering rural and peri-urban areas, facilitating the sending and receipt of remittances at competitive rates.

### IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF BOLIVIANS

USAID seeks to improve the health of underserved Bolivians by increasing access to quality health services through the strengthening of public and NGO health facilities and networks. Our program supports the Ministry of Health's policy of extending services to rural areas, with a special focus on family and community health.

In Tarija, the program supports training, technical assistance and provision of equipment to enhance the quality of health services related to maternal and child health and for the prevention, treatment and control of infectious diseases, including HIV; as well as to build the capacity of regional and municipal health authorities to manage the health system. In addition, in selected municipalities the program supports a network of health volunteers who focus on health

education and promotion activities and facilitate community efforts to identify and solve local health problems.

A housing improvement project, financed jointly by municipal governments, the departmental government, and USAID, will help protect over 4,600 families in the region from Chagas disease. In addition, in coordination with local governments, USAID has a program in Tarija aimed at increasing access to quality reproductive health services for adolescents through youth-defined and youth-led initiatives that promote responsible behavior.

USAID has also developed a Municipal Matching Fund to help local governments make investments that will improve the health status of their constituents.

USAID also supports the development of organizations such as PROSALUD, which provides over 25,000 health consultations per year in Tarija, and CIES, an organization specializing in reproductive health services.